06618/389001 /_C ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.

HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

: John Thornley et al.

Art Unit: 2781 Examiner: Unknown

Filed

0 6 2000

Serial No.: 09/461,160

: December 14, 1999

Title

: PROGRAMMING SYSTEM AND THREAD SYNCHRONIZATION

MECHANISMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTIVELY

SEQUENTIAL AND MULTITHREADED COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants call attention to the attached Information Disclosure Statement and documents listed on form PTO-1449.

This filing is being made before the receipt of a first Office action on the merits. No fee is required.

The undersigned certifies that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached International Search Report dated July 11, 2000 issued in a foreign counterpart application not more than three months ago.

The documents are in the English language; hence no concise explanation is necessary per Rule 98(a)(3).

Please apply any additional charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 order no. <u>06618/389001</u>.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date of Deposit

Signature

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicants to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

ing au

Date: (0-3-00)

Scott C. Harris Reg. No. 32,030

Fish & Richardson P.C. PTO Customer No. 20985

4350 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 500

San Diego, CA 92122

Telephone: (858) 678-5070 Facsimile: (858) 678-5099

10056658.doc